

# Wyoming Archaeology



## Calendar of Events Summer-Fall 2000

### WAAM KEYNOTE LECTURE

**“Skull Wars – Archaeology and the Battle for Native American Identity,”** lecture by Dr. David Hurst Thomas, *Saturday, September 30, 2000, 7:30 p.m.* at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, Wyoming. This lecture will examine the contentious relationships and centuries of conflict between American Indians and the non-Indian people who have studied them. Dr. Thomas has been Curator of North American Archaeology at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City for the past 30 years. He has conducted excavations in the Great Basin, the American southwest and the southeastern United States, and is the author of several hundred articles and books on North American archaeology. He is a member of the National Academy of Science and served on the founding board of the Museum of the American Indian.

There will be a reception and book signing hosted by the Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists on *Friday, September 29* from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Cody. The keynote lecture is free and open to the public.

### GENERAL

The Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist Public Program has two traveling exhibits with text and photographs pertaining to Wyoming archaeology. These can be made available on loan to schools and museums. One portrays Dr. George C. Frison and several of the sites he has investigated. The other covers Wyoming’s cultural chronology and selected sites from each time period. If you would like more information on availability, contact Judith A. Brown, Curator, (307) 766-3671; jabrown@uwyo.edu.

The Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist Public Program has a list of speakers who would be willing to give a program on archaeology. For more information, contact Mark Miller at (307) 766-5564, mmiller@uwyo.edu.

### CASPER

**Casper Chapter, Wyoming Archaeological Society.** Business meeting followed by a guest lecture; *2nd Wednesday* of every month, September through May, at the Career Studies Building, Casper

College. For more information, contact Kerry Lippincott, 441 Kirk Avenue, Casper, WY 82601; (307) 235-8952; Lippincott@caspers.net.

### CHEYENNE

**Cheyenne Chapter, Wyoming Archaeological Society.** Meetings held *3rd Thursday* of every month, 7 p.m., Laramie County Community College. Field trips are held in lieu of meetings during the summer months. For more information, contact Susan Carlson, (307) 634-0629 or Susan Adams, (307) 632-1273.

**F. E. Warren Archeology Interpretive Center,** self-guided tour. Open *8-4 Monday through Friday*, year-round. From the Visitors Center at the front gate, call extension 2980 for access. For more information, contact Rick Bryant, 90th CES/CEVH, 300 Vesle Drive, F.E. Warren A.F.B., WY 82005; (307) 773-3667; RICHARD.BRYANT@WARREN.AF.MIL.

**Wyoming State Museum,** history and archaeology displays. 2301 Central Avenue, Cheyenne. Open *Tuesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.* For more information on the 2000 Lecture Series, contact Heyward Schrock, (307) 777-7021; hschro@state.wy.us or wsm@missc.state.wy.us.

**Foothill-Mountain Atlatl and Primitive Archery Competition,** Curt Gowdy State Park (located between Cheyenne and Laramie). *July 22-23, 2000.* The atlatl contest will be held on Saturday and is open to all ages and genders with registration at 9 a.m. and competition at 10 a.m. The primitive archery contest will be on Sunday, registration at 8 a.m. and competition at 9 a.m. Saturday’s event will also include the International Standard Accuracy Contest (ISAC) for atlatls. Approximately 14 contestants from Europe, including the 1998 ISAC winner, Pascal Chaveaux, will be attending. The course is rugged and strenuous. For more information, contact Russell Richard at (307) 772-0550 or Gary and Regina Dodson at (307) 632-0766; wyowinds@aol.com.

### CODY

**Absaroka Chapter, Wyoming Archaeological Society.** Meetings held *2nd Friday of each month*, Barling Room, Park County Courthouse, 7 p.m. April and May – Lab training; June through August – Platt Site Field School with Northwest College; July through August – various field trips scheduled; September through November – regular meetings with special speakers on their summer projects. For more information, contact Barbara Nahas Keiry, P.O. Box 725, Cody, WY 82414; (307) 868-2685; nahas@tctwest.net.

**Wyoming Archaeological Society annual spring meeting;** theme is “Traveling and Trading Thru the Ages.” Keynote speaker: Dr. Bruce Bradley, “The Solutrean Solution to Clovis: Did Some Ancient Americans Come From Europe?” *April 21-23, 2000;* Holiday Inn, Cody, Wyoming. For more information, contact Barbara Nahas Keiry, P.O. Box 725, Cody, WY 82414; (307) 868-2685; nahas@tctwest.net.

**Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists, fall meeting,** 1:00 p.m., *Friday, September 29, 2000;* Buffalo Bill Historical Center. A field trip is planned for Saturday morning. For more information, contact Craig Smith, (307) 742-3843, csmith@trccos.com or Ranel S. Capron, (307) 775-6108, Ranel\_Capron@blm.gov.

### DOUGLAS

**Woody Creek Site Recording and Testing,** Thunder Basin National Grassland, *June 25-30, 2000.* This is a U.S. Forest Service Passport in Time project that will investigate unexplored areas along the banks of Woody Creek, testing and recording any sites that are located. There are 8 openings for volunteers, 18 years of age or with a responsible adult. Primitive camping is available nearby; camper trailers can access project area if conditions are dry. For more information, contact Ian Ritchie, USFS Douglas Ranger District, 2250 East Richards St., Douglas, WY 82633; (307) 358-4690; iritchie@fs.fed.us.

### EVANSTON

**Evanston Chinatown Archaeological Excavation and Western Wyoming Community College Field School;** *July 5 - 28, 2000.* Hands-on archaeology, Thursday evening lectures, tours of Chinese Joss House Museum. Professionals, students and volunteers welcome. Sponsored by the Evanston Historic Preservation Commission and Western Wyoming Community College. For more information, contact Jim Davis at (307) 783-6319 or Dudley Gardner at Western Wyoming Community College, (307) 382-1746; dgardner@wwcc.cc.wy.us/wyo\_hist.

### KEMMERER

**Rocky Gap Historic Site Dedication Ceremony,** *June 24, 2000; 2:00 p.m.;* 15 miles north of Kemmerer on Lincoln County Road 306. The Bureau of Land Management will be dedicating

an interpretive sign donated by the Lincoln County Historical Society at the Rocky Gap Site on the Historic Oregon-California Trail, where the Dempsey-Hockaday Cutoff diverges from the Sublette Cutoff. For more information, contact Lynn Harrell, Bureau of Land Management, 312 Highway 189 North, Kemmerer, WY 83101; (307) 828-4515; Lynn\_Harrell@blm.gov.

### LANDER

**Excavations at the Sand Draw Landfill Site** will be going on *May 1-9 and May 15-24, 2000.* Sponsored by the Wyoming Bureau of Land Management and the Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist. Location is about 12 miles south of Riverton, Wyoming. For more information, contact Danny Walker, P.O. Box 3431, Laramie, WY 82071; (307) 766-5565; dnwalker@uwyo.edu or Craig Bromley, Lander Bureau of Land Management; (307) 332-8400; Craig\_Bromley@blm.gov.

### LARAMIE

The **University of Wyoming Archaeological Repository (UWAR)** has developed an exhibit on obsidian artifacts found at archaeological sites in Wyoming. This exhibit will join a larger exhibit of obsidian artifacts and can be seen at the UW Anthropology Department museum, *May 1 through October 31, 2000;* 14th and Iverson, Laramie.

**Fort D.A. Russell Target and Maneuver Reserve Survey and Recording,** *July 9-15, 2000.* This is a U.S. Forest Service Passport in Time project that will be surveying, recording and mapping camps and facilities associated with the military past of the area. There are 10 openings for volunteers at least 18 years of age. Tent sites and RV spaces are available at Hidden Valley Campground. Nearest towns are Laramie (15 miles) and Cheyenne (30 miles). For more information, contact Deana Wood, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, WY 82070-6535; (307) 745-2308; dwood@fs.fed.us.

**Lake Owens Caboose Rehabilitation,** *September 11-15, 2000.* This is a U.S. Forest Service Passport in Time project. There are 10 openings for volunteers who would like to help clean and restore the caboose for future public use. Volunteers will also help with landscaping and trail construction to prepare the site for a premier interpretive location for historic railroads in Wyoming. Basic construction and landscaping skills required. Volunteers may be under 18 if with a responsible adult. The project is located at the Lake Owens Campground and campsites will be reserved for PIT volunteers. Laramie is 37 miles away. For more information, contact Deana Wood, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, WY 82070-6535; (307) 745-2308; dwood@fs.fed.us.

### MULE CREEK JUNCTION

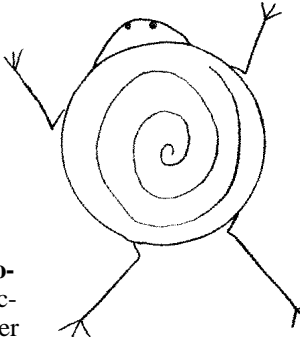
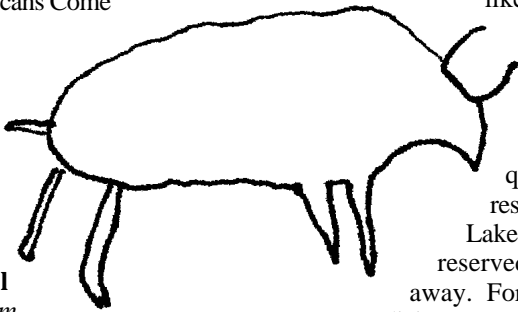
The George C. Frison Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology will be working at the **Agate Basin** site this summer, tentatively planned for *June 19-29, 2000.* For more information, contact Marcel Kornfeld at the Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, Laramie, 82071; (307) 766-3548; Anpro1@uwyo.edu or Dr. George C. Frison, (307) 766-5137.

### NEWCASTLE

**Ancient Trails Chapter, Wyoming Archaeological Society.** Meets the *second Tuesday of every month.* Because meeting places vary, call for details. Monthly meetings focus on guest speakers or ongoing projects, such as excavations and research on historic trails and ghost towns. During the summer, check whether special field projects have replaced the regular meeting. Several field trips are planned for summer 2000. For more information, contact Ange Cregger, Anna Miller Museum, (307) 746-4188, annamm@trib.com; or Dr. Alice Tratebas, Bureau of Land Management, (307) 746-4453, Alice\_Tratebas@blm.gov.

**“Hell Gap Revisited: Paleoindian Cultural Chronology and Other Problems,”** presentation by Dr. Marcel Kornfeld, University of Wyoming; *October 10, 2000,* Newcastle Public Library Meeting Room. Sponsored by the Ancient Trails Chapter of the Wyoming Archaeological Society. For more information, contact Ange Cregger, Anna Miller Museum, (307) 746-4188, annamm@trib.com; or Dr. Alice Tratebas, Bureau of Land Management, (307) 746-4453, Alice\_Tratebas@blm.gov.

**“The Licking Bison Kill Site,”** presentation by Michael Fosha, South Dakota State Archaeological Research Center, *November 14, 2000,* Newcastle Public Library Meeting Room.



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PINE BLUFFS

**High Plains Archaeology Project.** Stratified campsite with levels extending from Paleoindian to Historic. For schedules or tours, call ahead to the High Plains Museum, (307) 245-9372, or Chuck Reher, Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, Laramie, 82071; (307) 766-2208; arrow@uwoyo.edu.

ROCK SPRINGS

**Sweetwater Chapter, Wyoming Archaeological Society** will be sponsoring monthly lectures (usually the *last Friday of each month*) on archaeology topics and tours to archaeological sites. Excavations will be taking place at a number of sites in Sweetwater County this summer, ranging from Paleoindian campsites to Archaic and Late Prehistoric sites; including the Blue Point site, North Table Mountain Site (Bozovich site), Pine Springs, Krmopotich Site and others. Tours will be guided by local archaeologists on the week-ends. Participants must provide own transportation (4x4 vehicles may be necessary), food, water, etc. For more information, contact Patrick Lubinski, (307) 382-1666 or Russ Tanner, (307) 352-0223.

**“Peopling of the New World,”** lectures by Dennis Stanford and Peggy Jodry, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. In *June*, exact date to be announced. Western Wyoming Community College, Room 1302, Rock Springs, WY. Sponsored by the Sweetwater County Chapter of the Wyoming Archaeological Society. For more information, contact Russ Tanner, (307) 352-0223, Russ\_Tanner@blm.gov or Patrick Lubinski, Archaeological Services, Western Wyoming Community College, (307) 382-1666.

**Project Archaeology Teacher Workshop, June 13-15, 2000.** Co-sponsored by Western Archaeological Services, Western Wyoming Community College and the Bureau of Land Management. Classes will be conducted at the College, Room 1223, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Debbie Braithwaite at (307) 382-1666.

Western Wyoming Community College will again be excavating at the **Bozovich site**, north of Rock Springs, *June 12-26, 2000*. Previous investigations at the site documented Paleo-Indian occupations through Historic contact. Students may enroll for 1-3 credits, based on length of participation; one credit can be earned for each five days of class. In-state tuition is \$53 per credit hour. The class will meet daily at 7:30 a.m. at the Archaeology offices on the Rock Springs campus and return to campus at 4 p.m. Daily transportation to the site will be provided. There will be no formal field camp. Lodging will be available at campus dorms at a reduced rate. Rental housing is also available in town. Participants need to be in good physical condition. Rock Springs is located at 6300 ft. elevation and the class will entail strenuous work. For more information, contact Jana Pastor, (307) 382-1666 or jpastor@wwcc.cc.wy.us.

**Excavation at the Pine Springs Site** near Flaming Gorge Reservoir; tentatively set for *June 12-July 10, 2000*. One of the more important archaeological sites in southwest Wyoming, it was originally tested in 1963 and extensively excavated in 1964. Radiocarbon dates go back as far as 11,800 BP with the earlier excavations indicating three distinct occupations, containing bison, camel and bighorn sheep. There will be two 10-day sessions. Camping available near the site. For more information, contact Robert Kelly, Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, Laramie, 82071; (307) 766-3135; RLKELLY@uwoyo.edu.

Work at the **Krmopotich Site** will continue this summer, expanding the excavation beyond the preliminary testing and expose larger portions of the Folsom component. This is a cooperative project between the University of Wyoming and the Bureau of Land Management. Excavations will occur from *July 17 - August 23, 2000*. For more information, contact Marcel Kornfeld at the Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, Laramie, 82071; (307) 766-3548; Anpro1@uwoyo.edu.

**Historic Trails Marking Project** sponsored by the Wyoming Bureau of Land Management and the Oregon California Trails Association, *August 26-27, 2000*. Volunteers are invited to assist the BLM install markers along about 100 miles of the Overland Stage and Cherokee Trails, south and east of Rock Springs, Wyoming. The trails being marked were mid-19th Century transportation corridors and part of the California Gold Rush trail complex. Meet at the Rock Springs BLM Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, WY 82901. For more information,

contact Mike Brown or Terry Del Bene, (307) 352-0212; Mike\_Brown@blm.gov or Terry\_DelBene@blm.gov.

SHELL

**Black Mountain Archaeological Project Advanced Field School.** This cooperative project between the University of Wyoming, the Bureau of Land Management, and Northwest Community College in Powell, has been investigating several open air sites and approximately a dozen rockshelters in the Big Horn Mountains since 1993. The area is the location of major prehistoric raw material procurement. Excavations at two rockshelters will continue from *June 12-July 19, 2000*. For more information about the field school, contact Marcel Kornfeld at the Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, Laramie, 82071; (307) 766-3548; Anpro1@uwoyo.edu.

SUNDANCE

**Williams Spring Archaeology Project, July 17-23, 2000.** This is a U.S. Forest Service Passport in Time project in the Black Hills National Forest. Ten volunteers are needed to conduct test excavations on this multi-component prehistoric site. Interpretive programs are planned for the evenings. Self-contained camping areas are nearby, as well as campgrounds with toilets and showers near Sundance (20 miles) and Beulah. Volunteers are responsible for own meals. For more information, contact Carol Agard, Black Hills National Forest, Bearlodge District, P.O. Box 680, Sundance, WY 82729; (307) 283-1361; cagard/r2\_blackhills@fs.fed.us or Dave McKee, (605) 673-2251; dmckee/r2\_blackhills@fs.fed.us.

TENSLEEP

**Project Archaeology Teacher Workshop, June 6-7, 2000.** Co-sponsored by the Nature Conservancy and the Bureau of Land Management. For more information, contact Nina Verege, Visitor Programs Coordinator, Tensleep Preserve, 101 Rome Hill Road, Ten Sleep, WY 82442; (307) 366-2671; fax (307) 266-2262.

**Tensleep Rock Art Recording Project, June 16-18, 2000.** Sponsored by the Nature Conservancy and the Bureau of Land Management. Participants should arrive at the camp after 5 p.m. on June 16th. Families are welcome, but we need to know about children in advance. Housing, kitchen facilities, and showers are provided at no charge. Bring your sleeping bags, pillows, and food. Campers, trailers and personal tents are not allowed and especially no pets!! The project will end by noon on the 18th. For more information, contact Mike Bies at the Worland Bureau of Land Management, (307) 347-5100 or Mike\_Bies@blm.gov.

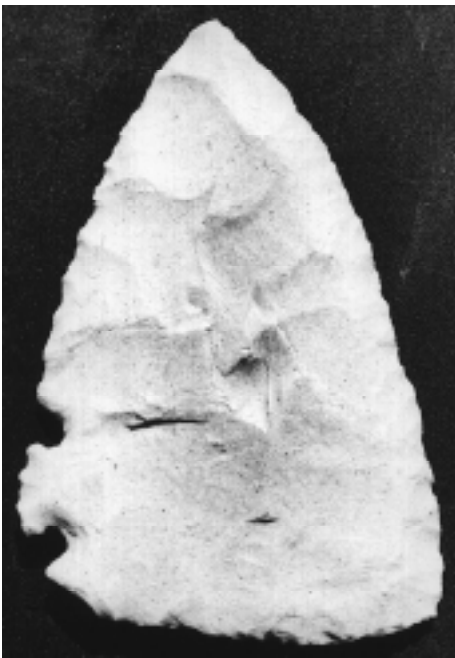
WORLAND

**Worland Wyoming History Day for Big Horn Basin 4th graders, May 12th** at the Washakie County Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Archaeology presentations and historic era, including fur traders. Contact Mike Bies, Worland Bureau of Land Management, at (307) 347-5154.

COLORADO

**Loveland Stone Age Fair, September 23-24, 2000.** Special speakers will be Dr. Dennis Stanford, Dr. Peggy Jodry, Dr. George Frison, Dr. Robson Bonnicksen and Dr. C. Vance Haynes, Jr. Pullium Community Building, 545 Cleveland Avenue, Loveland, Colorado. For more information, contact (307) 766-5136.

Work in the **Middle Park** area is tentatively set for *July 3-12, 2000*. The Jerry Craig site was confirmed to be a bison bone bed, dating approximately 9300 years ago with stone tools and production debris present. For more information, contact Marcel Kornfeld, Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, Laramie, 82071; (307) 766-3548; Anpro1@uwoyo.edu.



SOUTH DAKOTA

**Shanks Shelter Survey and Excavation Project,** Black Hills National Forest; *July 31-August 5, 2000*. This U.S. Forest Service Passport in Time project will include survey, site recording and test excavations at rock shelter archaeological sites in the central Black Hills. For more information, contact Juanita Garcia, Pactola-Harney Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest, 23939 Highway 385, Hill City, SD 57745; (605) 574-2534; garcia\_juanita/r2\_blackhills@fs.fed.us.

**State of the Art Heritage Expedition, September 3-15, 2000;** Custer, SD. A two-week classroom and field project focusing on rock art sites in the southern Black Hills. A series of interpretive programs will provide an overview of the cultural and natural history of the area. This is a “pay for” fee program. For more information, contact Dave McKee, Black Hills National Forest, RR2, Box 200, Custer, SD 57730; (605) 673-2251; dmckee/r2\_blackhills@fs.fed.us.

UTAH

**27th Great Basin Anthropological Conference, October 5-7, 2000;** David Eccles Conference Center, Ogden, Utah. The conference will host a reception Wednesday evening, October 4th, for early arrivals. It officially opens Thursday morning with sessions continuing through Saturday. Activities, field trips, and speakers are planned. Please visit their web site for conference information, news, abstract submission, links to the convention center and visitor information, and much more as the conference approaches. The web site is [www.hass.usu.edu/-gbac2000](http://www.hass.usu.edu/-gbac2000) and you can address inquiries to: Steven Simms, GBAC Chair, Department of Anthropology, Utah State University, Logan, Utah 84322-0730; (435) 797-1277; ssimms@hass.usu.edu.

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